

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A sale quantity information coordination service system ~~constituted by~~ comprising and connecting via a network;

a plurality of process method provider terminals at each of which an information page offering information on, at least a specific process method and process elements required to implement the specific process is provided;

a plurality of process element provider terminals at each of which sale quantity information on sale units and sale prices of the process elements required to implement the specific process is provided;

a shopper terminal; ~~and~~

a coordinator terminal comprising a means for sale quantity information request that issues a request for the sale quantity information with respect to process elements included in the information page to at least one process element provider terminal in response to a request from a shopper terminal, a means for compilation that compiles a plurality of process element provider terminals in a specific format and a means for providing sale quantify information that provides said compiled sale quantity information to the shopper terminal that has requested said sale quantity information; and

a means for personal information registration that registers personal information indicating specific conditions under which a process element is to be purchased in correspondence to each shopper wherein said means for sale quantity information request issues a request to said process element providers for sale quantity information based upon said personal information, or said means for compilation compiles sale quantity information in a specific format based upon said personal information;

wherein said personal information includes at least information specifying one of 'on-line purchase' or 'shopper terminal purchase' as a method of process element purchase; and said means for sale quantity information request issues a request for said sale quantity information to process element providers offering process elements on-line if a shopper specifies that the process element is to be purchased on-line, and issues a request for said sale quantity information to process element provider terminals having a store within a specific distance from the shopper terminal that has issued a request for said sale quantity of information if the shopper specifies that the process element is to be purchased at a store; and

wherein said personal information includes process element purchase specification information specifying in advance process elements to be purchased or process elements not to be purchased; and

said means for compilation compiles said sale quantity information so as to specify in advance process elements to be purchased through said means for process element purchase specification based upon said process element purchase specification information or compiles said sale quantity information so as to ensure in advance that process elements not to be purchased are not specified through said means for process element purchase specification based upon said process element purchase specification information.

Claim 2 (Original): A sale quantity information coordination service system according to claim 1, wherein;

said means for compilation compiles said sale quantity information so as to provide a means for process element purchase specification to be used to specify a process element to be purchased for each process element; and

the shopper terminal is capable of placing an order for a process element by specifying the process element through said means for process element purchase specification and transmitting said compiled sale quantity to said process element provider.

Claims 3-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A sale quantity information coordination service system according to claim 3 1, wherein;

said personal information includes purchase condition specification information for specifying purchase conditions for purchasing process elements with priority order ranks attached thereto; and

said means for compilation compiles said sale quantity information so as to provide a specific number of sets of sale quantity information based upon priority order ranks included in said purchase condition specification information and to indicate that there is a further choice in purchasing process elements apart from options offered in said sale quantity information provided by said means for compilation.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A sale quantity information coordination service system according to claim 3 1, wherein;

said means for sale quantity information request issues a request to predetermined process element provider terminals for sale quantity information if sale promotional information is requested by a shopper terminal that has not registered said personal information.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A terminal device according to claim 8 11, wherein;

said means for compilation compiles said sale quantity information so as to provide a means for process element purchase specification to be used to specify a process element to be purchased for each process element.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A terminal device ~~according to Claim 10~~, connected via a network, with;

a plurality of process method provider terminals at each of which an information page offering information on, at least a specific process method and process elements required to implement the specific process is provided;

a plurality of process element provider terminals at each of which sale quantity information on sale units and sale prices of the process elements required to implement the specific process is provided;

a shopper terminal, with said terminal device comprising;

a means for sale quantity information request that issues a request for the sale quantity information with respect to process elements included in the information page to at least one process element provider terminal in response to a request from a shopper terminal, a means for compilation that compiles a plurality of sets of sale quantity information provided by the plurality of process element provider terminals in a specific format and a means for providing sale quantity information that provides said compiled sale quantity information to the shopper terminal that has requested said sale quantity information; and

a means for personal information registration that registers personal information indicating specific conditions under which a process element is to be purchased in correspondence to each shopper wherein said means for sale quantity information request issues a request to said process element providers for sale quantity information based upon said personal information, or said means for compilation compiles sale quantity information in a specific format based upon said personal information;

wherein [[:]] said personal information includes at least information specifying one of 'on-line purchase' or 'shopper terminal purchase' as a method of process element purchase; and said means for sale quantity information request issues a request for said sale quantity information to process element providers offering process elements on-line if a shopper specifies that the process element is to be purchased on-line, and issues a request for said sale quantity information to process element provider terminals having a store within a specific distance from the shopper terminal that has issued a request for said sale quantity of information if the shopper specifies that the process element is to be purchased at a store; and

wherein said personal information includes process element purchase specification information specifying in advance process elements to be purchased or process elements not to be purchased; and

said means for compilation compiles said sale quantity information so as to specify in advance process elements to be purchased through said means for process element purchase specification based upon said process element purchase specification information or compiles said sale quantity information so as to ensure in advance that process elements not to be purchased are not specified through said means for process element purchase specification based upon said process element purchase specification information.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A terminal device according to claim ~~10~~ 11, wherein;

said personal information includes purchase condition specification information for specifying purchase conditions for purchasing process elements with priority order ranks attached thereto; and

said means for compilation compiles said sale quantity information so as to provide a specific number of sets of sale quantity information based upon priority order ranks included in said purchase condition specification information and to indicate that there is a further choice in purchasing process elements apart from options offered in said sale quantity information provided by said means for compilation.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A terminal device according to claim ~~10~~ 11, wherein;

said means for sale quantity information request issues a request to predetermined process element provider terminals for sale quantity information if sale promotional information is requested by a shopper terminal that has not registered said personal information.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Original): A medium having recorded therein a program for achieving a terminal device according to claim 9.

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A medium having recording therein a program for achieving a terminal device according to claim 11.

Claim 19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A medium having recording therein a program for achieving a terminal device according to claim 13.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A medium having recording therein a program for achieving a terminal device according to claim 14.

Claims 22-34 (Canceled).